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2004 Non-Fat Dry Milk Livestock Feed Assistance Initiative

Reno 9/13/04 – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing assistance to livestock producers in Elko, Humboldt, and Lincoln counties that need help in maintaining foundation livestock herds as the result of extreme drought conditions. USDA used the June 14, 2004 U.S. Drought Monitor to determine this eligibility. Excess non-fat dry milk (NDM) stocks will be provided to supplement feed and reduce feed costs. The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDOA) will administer the state program.

Eligible livestock are foundation herds of beef cattle, bison, sheep and goats. A foundation herd is defined as a herd kept for the sole purpose of breeding and reproduction.

The producer of these herds will fill out a herd self-certification form: NDOA will send a voucher for their allotment. The vouchers can be redeemed/bartered/ sold to a feed dealer/manufacture or a company which will act as a drop point or buyer of the product.

The NDM can be fed to foundation and feeder beef cattle, bison, sheep and goats. It may not be fed to dairy cattle, veal, poultry, swine or fish. Animals destined for milk production can not be fed the NDM. It is anticipated that producers will receive an allocation of approximately 45 pounds per eligible cattle and bison for 30 days and 11.25 pounds per eligible sheep and goat for 30 days.

NDM is denatured and is not for human consumption. NDM can not be exported from the United States and can only be bartered, exchanged, or sold within the states of Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah or Wyoming. It can be processed outside those states as long as it is returned to the states for consumption.

The final enrollment deadline is October 29, 2004. Vouchers will be mailed after November 15, 2004.

For more information, call the NDOA at 775-688-1182, ext 236 or on the web at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/2004ndm.htm>.